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Sam's Dad, Brother At Hearing

Among Few Other Than Press and Attorneys Present

Dr. Richard A. Sheppard and Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, father and brother of Dr. Sam, were among the few spectators who were not attorneys at the hearing of Dr. Sam's writ of habeas corpus.

They were the earliest arrivals, taking seats in the last row of the courtroom at 9:255 a. m., 50 minutes before the hearing started. Three other spectators joined them before a note was posted on the door to bar all but news men and attorneys. No effort was made to remove those already seated.

250 Jam Courtroom

The attorneys and reporters were checked in through the clerk's office of the courtroom in the southwest corner of the second floor of Lakeside Court House.

About 250 packed the room, many standing in the aisles and around the walls. Workers from other parts of the court house stood on chairs and tables in the clerk's office to peer through the windows of the doors.

More than 250 persons milled around outside the court room at the time the hearing was called to order but they drifted away after it got underway.

Lone Woman Reporter Present

The only woman in the courtroom was a reporter from Lorrain. The crowd left outside was about evenly divided.

Dr. Sam arrived amid the flash of photographic bulbs and his handcuffs were removed outside the door. He wore his leather orthopedic collar and a serious, somewhat hurt looking expression.

He entered through the clerk's office and took the second seat

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at the table to the left of Common Pleas Judge Frank J. Merrick's bench. His counsel, William J. Corrigan, took the first seat and behind him sat Sheriff Joseph M. Sweeney, Deputy David Yettra and Carl Rossbach, chief of county detectives. The three officers had accompanied the doctor from County Jail and returned him there.

At the other table, to the right of the bench, sat Assistant County Prosecutor John Mahon, Chief Assistant Thomas Parrino, Police Chief Frank W. Story and Richard Weygandt, law director for Bay Village, who issued the warrant charging Dr. Sam with first-degree murder.

Arthur E. Petersilge, attorney for the Sheppards, came in later and sat at the right of Corrigan.

There was little talking in the courtroom, even before the hearing was called to order.

"Gentlemen, have you got all your pictures?" asked Herman Sacks, acting bailiff, of the photographers. The photographers put away their cameras and the hearing started.

On leaving the hearing after the writ was denied, Dr. Sam stopped outside the door. The handcuffs clicked on his wrists again. His expression was unchanged—still serious and a little pained—as he went back to jail.